

## Rabbit behaviour questionnaire

Date: .....

### Owner details

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) Surname/Family name: .....

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First name or Initials: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Phone (day).....(evening).....

(mobile).....Email.....

Are you covered by a pet insurance policy? If so, please give details:.....

Please include as much information as possible. The more detail available, the more accurate our assessment of the case can be. Please use additional sheets where necessary.

### Referring veterinary surgeon

Address: .....

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Tel:.....

### Patient details

Name: ..... Breed:.....

Age (if known) .....

Sex  Male  Female  Male neutered  Female spayed

If your rabbit is neutered when was it done? .....

Microchip no.....Microchip location.....

Has this rabbit ever been used for breeding?.....

How much does your rabbit weigh? .....

How long is your rabbit from nose to tail when lying down on their side?.....

### Early history:

How old was your rabbit when you obtained them?.....

Where did your rabbit come from? Did they, for example, come from a breeder, rescue centre or pet shop?.....

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### Medical history

Does your rabbit have any current medical problems to your knowledge?.....

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Do you know of any previous medical problems? .....

Is your rabbit on any current medication?.....

Has your rabbit had any teeth problems?.....

Does your rabbit have to have regular dental procedures? If so, how often?.....

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Do you clip your rabbit's nails or do you take them to the vet? .....

How often are the nails clipped?.....

**Please ask your veterinary surgeon to provide your rabbit's complete veterinary records.**

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### Interactions with family members

Please describe other members of your household.

Person's name	Person's age

Who interacts with the rabbit? .....

Does the rabbit have a favourite person or people? If so, who?.....

Who is responsible for the following tasks:

Cleaning the rabbit's cage/hutch?.....

Cleaning the rabbit's run? .....

Grooming the rabbit?.....

Clipping the rabbit's nails? .....

### Interactions with other animals

Please provide details of any rabbits that share a hutch or other area with the patient

Rabbit name	Breed/type	Age	Sex	Spayed/neutered (yes/no)	How long lived with rabbit patient?

Do you ever see these rabbits lying next to each other? Please give details of who lies with whom .....

Do you ever see these rabbits licking/grooming each other? Please give details .....

Do you ever see these rabbits mounting (attempting to mate) each other? Please give details.....

Do you ever see these rabbits chasing each other? Please give details.....

Do you ever see these rabbits pulling fur from each other? Please give details.....

Do you have any other rabbits, besides those described above?

Rabbit name	Breed/type	Age	Sex	Spayed/neutered (yes/no)

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### Other pets

Do you have any other animals?

Type and breed	Name	Age	Sex	Relationship with the rabbit patient (e.g. avoids/no interaction, stalks, stares, grooms, plays)

### Cats in the neighbourhood

Do cats come into your garden? .....

Have you ever seen them staring at/stalking your rabbit? .....

### Your rabbit's home:

Please provide diagrams of your rabbit's enclosure/hutch/cage/run with dimensions including height.

Please indicate where litter trays, water bowls/bottles, food bowls and hay racks are location.

Please indicate where other items such as pipes and boxes are located.

Please give as much detail as possible about where your rabbit lives.

What sort of bedding do you give your rabbit?  Hay  Straw  Sawdust/woodshavings

*Please tick all that apply*

Blanket/towel/Vetbed  Other .....

### Outside-living rabbits

If your rabbit lives outside, does it live:  In a converted shed enclosure?  In an aviary enclosure?  In a cage/hutch?

In a cage/hutch with an attached run?  In a cage/hutch with a separate run to which you carry your rabbit?

If the run is attached, does your rabbit have access to the run:  Always  Daytime only  Dry days only

Other (please describe).....

If the run is separate, when do you put your rabbit in the run:  Every day  Dry days only

Summer only  Weekends only

Other (please describe).....

How long on average does your rabbit have access to the run per week?.....

Whether attached or separate, is the run:  On concrete?  On decking?  On tiles?  On grass?

Do you move the run to fresh patches of grass? If so, how often?.....

Do you move your rabbit into a shed/garage in the winter? If so, please describe any difference in its accommodation in summer and winter.....

### House rabbits

If your rabbit lives in your home, do they have access to all areas of the house?  Yes  No

Please state which rooms your rabbit has access to? .....

Does your rabbit have an enclosure/hutch/cage in the house? .....

Is your rabbit confined to the enclosure/hutch/cage at night?.....

Is the rabbit confined to the enclosure/hutch/cage during the day? If so, for how long?.....

Does the rabbit ever go outside? If so, please describe when and where .....

### Outdoor run for house rabbits

If your rabbit spends any time in an outdoor run please answer the following:

Is the rabbit's outside run:  On concrete?  On decking?  On tiles?  On grass?

Do you move the enclosure/run to fresh patches of grass? If so, how often?.....

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### Toileting

Does the rabbit use a litter tray? If so, what kind of litter do you use?.....

How many litter trays do you have in the areas the rabbit lives in? [ ] Enclosure [ ] Cage/hutch  
[ ] Run [ ] Your house

How often do you clean the litter trays?.....

How often do you clean the rest of the cage/hutch?.....

How often do you clean the rest of the run?.....

Have you noticed your rabbit spraying inside or outside? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
(Spraying is when the rabbit runs past and twists their hindquarters, letting loose a jet of urine.)

If so, on what items/people does your rabbit spray?.....

Describe your rabbit's droppings:.....

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### Chewing

Does your rabbit chew their enclosure/hutch/cage or run?.....

Do they chew the wooden parts?.....

Do they chew plastic parts?.....

Do they chew metal parts, e.g. wire or bars?.....

If indoors in your home, does your rabbit chew:

Furniture? If so, are there any items in particular?.....

Carpets?..... Other?.....

### Diet

What do you feed your rabbit and how often? (Please list all that apply)

Food	Brand/type	Fed daily	Fed weekly	Fed occasionally
Commercial compressed rabbit pellets				
Commercial rabbit mix (muesli style mix)				
Commercial extruded pellets				
Hay				
Plants/forage				
Fresh grass/herbs				
Fruit (please specify)				
Household greens (please specify e.g. carrot, turnip, broccoli)				
Other (treats)				

Do you give any supplements, e.g. salt block?.....

Does your rabbit enjoy their food or would you say they are fussy?.....

Do you give any titbits? If so, what and how often?.....

Do you give any commercial rabbit treats? If so, please give details.....

Where does your rabbit have access to water? Please tick all that apply

In its cage/hutch: [ ] In a bowl [ ] In a water bottle

How often do you change the water?.....

In its run: [ ] In a bowl [ ] In a water bottle

How often do you change the water?.....

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Please state how many of each item are in the cage/hutch and in the run.

Item	Cage/hutch	Run
Food bowls		
Hay racks		
Water bottles		
Water bowls		

### Human interaction

Does the rabbit have any toys? Please describe.....

Do you play with the rabbit? Please describe the games and approximately how long each day you play with the rabbit.....

Have you clicker, target or voice trained your rabbit? .....

Does your rabbit know any tricks? If so, please give details.....

### The problem

Describe the problems you are having with your rabbit in as much detail as possible. (Please use additional sheets as necessary)

As rabbit communication is very subtle and difficult to describe, it would be EXTREMELY helpful if you could send a video showing the problem you are having with your rabbit. If this is not possible, please describe your rabbit's behaviour in as much detail as possible, e.g. are its ears flat or upright, is it making a noise, struggling, kicking, biting? Please do try, however, to provide a video. Thank you.

What happens immediately before your rabbit displays these behaviours? Try to think both what you/others and your rabbit are doing when the problem occurs .....

What happens immediately after? Again, think about what you/others and the rabbit do .....

When did the problem begin? Can you remember the first time it happened?.....

When does the problem occur? Is it in any particular circumstances?.....

How frequently, on average, does the problem occur? Do you think it is becoming more frequent, less frequent, or staying about the same?

Where does the problem occur? Is it, for example, always in the same place?.....

Who is usually present at the time, if anybody?.....

When was the last incident, and can you describe this? .....

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Have there been previous attempts to cure this problem? (if so, please describe).....  
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### Other problems:

Does your rabbit have any other problems? For example, is it nervous of:

Children?  Strangers?  Any family members?  Dogs?  Other?  All of these?

Does your rabbit struggle/bite/kick when you  Groom them?  Stroke them?  Pick them up?

If so, please give details.....  
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What sort of brush do you use to groom your rabbit? .....

Are there any other problems with the rabbit that you would like to discuss at the consultation?.....  
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### Rehabilitation

How much time do you feel able to commit to working with your rabbit to solve these problems?.....  
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What would you envisage happening if the behaviour problem persists? .....

Finally, to help us understand more, it is helpful if you can give us information about rabbits that you have owned before.

Breed	Age of rabbit when obtained (if known)	How long was the rabbit owned for	Were there any behaviour problems encountered? If so, please describe	What was the outcome? (e.g. behaviour improved, someone else in family looked after rabbit (I was a child at the time), rabbit was rehomed/given to a rescue charity, rabbit was euthanased)

Thank you very much for your cooperation in filling in this questionnaire. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting you and your rabbit or speaking to you on the telephone.